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1. THOUGH HIS PRESS CONFERENCE ON JULY 25, WAS DEVOTED

MAINLY TO THE IBM INVESTIGATION (REFTEL A), EC COMMISSIONER BORSCHETTE ALSO COMMENTED ON THE CURRENT EC COMMISSION INVESTIGATION OF INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES. (SEE REFTEL B). HE STATED THAT THE COMMISSION HAD COMPLETED THE DATA-GATHERING STAGE IN ITS INQUIRY TO DETERMINE IF CERTAIN LARGE OIL COMPANIES HAD ABUSED THEIR DOMINANT POSITION BY ELIMINATING INDEPENDENT DISTRIBUTION FIRMS DURING THE OIL CRISIS. THE COMMISSION IS NOW ASSESSING WHETHER THERE WERE INFRINGEMENTS OF ARTICLE 86 OF THE ROME TREATY (ABUSE OF DOMINANT POSITION) AND, IF SO, THE WAY IN WHICH CHARGES WILL BE FORMULATED AND PRESENTED TO THE OIL COMPANIES INVOLVED.

2. BORSCHETTE ALSO STATED THAT THE COMMISSION INTENDS TO SEND THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS A GENERAL REPORT ON THE OIL COMPANIES AND THEIR ACTIVITIES IN ORDER TO STIMULATE A DEBATE ON THE ROLE OF PRIVATE OIL COMPANIES IN THE PROPOSED NEW ENERGY STRATEGY. JOHNSTON

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